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REMARKS

Claims 22-41 were pending for prosecution in this application. Applicants have herein canceled Claims 22-26, 30, 31 and 35-37, and have amended Claims 27-29, 32, 33 and 38. As such, Claims 27-29, 32-34 and 38-41 are pending for prosecution in this case.

Initially, Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's comments indicating that Claims 27-34 are allowable. Applicants have herein amended certain of these claims to place them in better condition for issuance. Applicants also note that Claim 38 now depends from allowable Claim 27, thereby rendering Claims 38-41 allowable as well.

Applicants enclose herewith a Petition to Correct Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) and respectfully request that the inventorship of the present application be correct as requested in that petition.

Applicants have also amended the title of the invention such that it more accurately describes the claimed subject matter.

The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Without necessarily agreeing with the propriety of the outstanding rejection, Applicants have herein canceled rejected Claims 22-26 and 35-37 and have amended Claim 38 such that it now depends from allowable Claim 27, rather than from rejected Claim 22. It is believed that such claim cancellations/amendments obviate the outstanding rejection.

The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b)

Without necessarily agreeing with the propriety of the outstanding rejection, Claims 35-37 have been canceled herein, thereby obviating this rejection.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and this case passed to issue.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (650) 225-4461 if any issues may be resolved in that manner.

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